GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Allegation of conducting enquiry about Gonugunta Fish Tank and later cancelled the auction procedure without obtaining any orders from higher authorities -Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired) - Inquiry Conducted – Charge Partly held proved - Imposition of penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years – Orders- Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 662 **Dated: 27-11-2024**

Read the following:-

1. From G.A (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.45 (C.No.4276/V&E/D2/82012) Dt:28.05.2015
2. G.O.Rt.No.746 PR & RD (VIG.IV) Department dt:01.08.2015
3. Explanation Dt:18.12.2015 of Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired)
4. G.O.Rt.No.24 PR & RD (VIG.IV) Department dt:05.01.2017
5. From the Commissioner, PR & RD Lr.No.567/CPR&RE/E2.VIG/2010, Dt:07.03.2018(Enquiry Report)
6. Government Memo.No.8698/VIG.IV/A1/2015-17 Dt:01.11.2018
7. Government Memo.No.8698/VIG.IV/A1/2015 dt:23.02.2022 & 27.07.2022
8. From the Commissioner, PR & RD Letter No.423195/ CPR&RD/VIG/ 2022, Dt:21.07.2023.
9. Government Memo.No.PRR01/614744/PR&RD/2015 dt:05.02.2024
10. From the Commissioner, PR & RD Letter No.423195/CPR&RD/ VIG.II/ 2015, Dt.30.05.2024

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ORDER

In the reference 2nd read above, the Government have initiated Disciplinary action by framing the following Article of Charge against Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired) for the allegation of conducting enquiry about Gonugunta Fish Tank and later cancelled the auction procedure without obtaining any orders from higher authorities.

Charge-I : That Sri M.Sunkaiah, DLPO (now retired) while working as DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District conducted enquiry about Gonugunta Fish tank and later cancelled the auction procedure without obtaining any orders from the higher authorities, causing a loss to a tune of Rs 4.00 lakhs to the Gonugunta Gram Panchayat.

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That Sri M.Sunkaiah, DLPO (now retired) while working as DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District has made certain irregularities during his tenure in violation of APCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. The Charged Officer has submitted his WSD in the reference 3rd read above. After examining the same, the Government have appointed Sri M.Sudhakar, Deputy Commissioner, O/o CPR & RD as Inquiry Officer and Sri B.V.Sai Kumar, Deputy CEO, Prakasam as Presenting officer vide reference 4th read above, to enquire into the charges framed against Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired) and four (4) others.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report in respect of Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired) along with four (4) others to the Government and stated that, the Charge partially held proved against the Charged Officer. The Government after examining the said inquiry report, have communicated a copy of inquiry report to the Charged Officer and directed to submit his representation on the inquiry report vide reference 6th read above. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation on the findings of the inquiry report, denying the charges, in which he has reiterated his earlier contention as submitted by the Inquiring Authority.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Government have requested the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development to furnish Specific remarks on the Enquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Officer. In the reference 8th read above the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development has furnished his specific remarks on the Inquiry Report.

5. After examination of the matter and explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, keeping in view of the findings of Inquiring Authority and specific remarks submitted by the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, the Government, provisionally decided to impose penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired) and issued show cause notice on him on the above proposed penalty vide reference 9th read above. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj has submitted the representation of the CO, in which the CO did not submit any new Grounds than those what he has submitted earlier vide reference 10th read above. Therefore, it is decided to confirm the provisional decision of imposing a penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years.

6. Accordingly, the Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose the penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of two years under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired).

7. The Director, PR & RD, Tadepalli Guntur District shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M.Sunkaiah, the then DLPO, Ongole, Prakasam District (now retired) through the Director, PR&RD, AP., Tadepalli, Guntur District
The Director, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District. (in duplicate with a request to serve to the C.O., obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgement of the orders)
Copy to
The District Panchayat Officer, Prakasam (with a request to serve to the C.O., obtain and furnish ack)
The General Administration (V&E) Department [w.r.t. VR No. 45 (C.No.4276/V&E/D2/82012)]
The Secretary to AP Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi
The P.S to Deputy Chief Minister(PR &RD)
P.S to the Prl. Secretary to Government (PR & RD)
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SECTION OFFICER